

REMARKS

In response to the rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), Applicant has canceled Claims 1-20 and has presented new Claims 21-41 for examination. The rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 7-11, and 13-20 for obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,742,357 is moot in view of the cancellation of Claims 1-20.

A request for a one-month extension of time is filed with this response to extend the response period to 28 March 2006.

New Claims 21-41 are fully supported in the specification and drawings as summarized below:

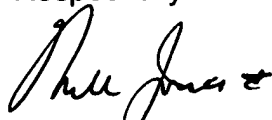
- Claim 21: Figs. 6 and 7; p. 10, paragraphs [0033] to [0035]; p. 20, paragraph [0070] through p. 21, paragraph [0072].
- Claim 22: Fig. 6; p. 18, paragraph [0061].
- Claim 23: Fig. 6; p. 17, paragraph [0057] to p. 18, paragraph [0059].
- Claim 24: p. 19, paragraph [0067].
- Claim 25: Fig. 7; p. 19, paragraphs [0063] to [0067].
- Claims 26 and 32: p. 7, paragraph [0024]; p. 20, paragraphs [0069] and [0070].
- Claims 27 and 33: p. 10, paragraphs [0033] to [0035].
- Claims 28 and 34: Figs. 6 and 7; p. 10, paragraphs [0033] to [0035].
- Claims 29 and 35: p. 10, paragraphs [0033] to [0035].
- Claim 30: Fig. 6; p. 18, paragraph [0059], lines 8-10.
- Claim 31: Fig. 6; p. 17, paragraph [0056] to p. 18, paragraph [0059].
- Claim 36: Figs. 6 and 7; p. 10, paragraphs [0033] to [0035]; p. 20, paragraph [0070] through p. 21, paragraph [0072].
- Claim 37: Fig. 6; p. 18, paragraph [0061].
- Claim 38: Fig. 6; p. 17, paragraph [0056] to p. 18, paragraph [0059].

- Claim 39: Fig. 7; p. 19, paragraphs [0063] to [0067].
- Claim 40: Fig. 6; p. 18, paragraph [0059], lines 8-10.
- Claim 41: Fig. 6; p. 17, paragraph [0057] to p. 18, paragraph [0059].

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract will be made as needed when the final claims are allowed, so that the descriptive matter is in harmony with the claims as allowed (MPEP 1302.01).

Applicant requests examination of new Claims 21-41.

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